

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

Four matches remain to be played in the Second Division and with a lead of five points and although they have possibly two hard games in those four, Weston must be recognised as the 1964 premiers. Pan Hellenic would appear to be a semi-finalist and the remaining two could come from Belmont-Swansea, Dudley-Redhead, Young Wallsend or Jesmond.

On Saturday, Merewether is at home to Kearsley and after the display of Kearsley last week against Charlestown, could give Merewether an opportunity of scoring their first win of the season. If Merewether did win this match it would put them within two points of Charlestown whom Merewether meets next weekend and that match could determine the team to be relegated next season.

On Sunday, one of the most attractive fixtures would appear to be at Dudley-Redhead when the local team will be opposed to premierships leaders, Weston,

and whilst Weston is expected to win, both teams play good football and Dudley-Redhead can be relied upon to fully extend the visitors.

Jesmond will be at home to Charlestown and a win at this stage would help Jesmond to improve their outside chance to a semi-final berth.

Belmont-Swansea journey to Young Wallsend and the home team will fully test Belmont-Swansea who, however, should prove a little too strong for Young Wallsend.

Pan Hellenic will meet Slavia United and here we should see a good exhibition of carpet football with Pan Hellenic proving too strong for Slavia.

The Third Division have one match on Saturday, when Hamilton Azzuri will play Nelson Bay and this should prove a very interesting match, although six points separate the two teams. Nelson Bay have scored 12 more goals than Azzuri, but have conceded

14 more goals, so that it should develop into a strong forward line against a strong defence and a weaker forward line against a weaker defence, but a defeat to Azzuri could mean the loss of the premiership lead.

On Sunday, Teachers' College meet The Entrance and the visitors, provided they have a full team, should win a close game.

Barnsley will be at home to Toronto Diggers and here we have a match, the result of which could go either way. Barnsley disappointed last week when they went down to Macquarie Wanderers and it is sure that some straight talking has been done this week, but on paper it would appear that Toronto Diggers will prove a little too good.

The outstanding match should be South Wallsend v. Bellbird, as only two points separate the two teams. Bellbird has by far the better goal average, but South Wallsend have been winning fairly consistently and will be all out to main-

tain that run. Bellbird at the same time require the win to keep them within striking distance of the premiership leaders, Hamilton Azzuri and this incentive should be sufficient to give them a slight edge on South Wallsend.

The remaining fixture will be played at Stockton, when the home team will be opposed to Newcastle Tech. and this should result in a win to Newcastle Tech.

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TRAGEDY IF CESSNOCK WERE TO FOLD UP

There has been no official statement — indeed, there could not be, in the circumstances — but rumour is rife in Soccer circles that if Cessnock loses its place in the Northern Soccer League First Division premiership, the club will fold up.

Cessnock is now in last place on the points score table and, with only three matches to play, will be lucky to save itself from finishing in last place.

There is no Soccer follower in the North with the interest of the game at heart who would not hope that rumour is once more a fickle jade.

It will be bad enough if Cessnock has to stand down from the First Division for even one season, but that's all in the rub of the game and by no means the end

of everything, as Weston is so valiantly proving. But it would be a Northern Soccer tragedy if Cessnock one of the most noted clubs in the game for so long, were to go out of existence. The game in the North would hardly seem the same without the black and golds.

Other teams have dropped down the list and, no doubt, all will have their run of adversity over the years. Mayfield United had to win its way back from the Second Division and now Weston, after a long absence from the top grade seems certain to return to the First Division. There is no doubt Cessnock would emulate those clubs and come up bright and smiling once more.

One hopes to hear from the hard-working, enthus-

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ADAMSTOWN v. CESSNOCK

Ref.: L. Mottershead. Linesmen: J. Carlin, H. Hall.

AWABA v. N'CLE. AUSTRAL

Referee: R. Roth. Linesmen: G. Muir, T. Ayre.

WEST WALLSEND v. LAKE MACQUARIE

Ref.: W. Jones. Linesmen: W. Gardiner, A. Roberts.

CARDIFF v. MAITLAND

Referee: A. Brown. Linesmen: P. Bird, C. Jack.

WALLSEND v. MAYFIELD UNITED

Referee: K. Urwin. Linesmen: F. Myles, W. Turner.

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NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE

FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST DIVISION.—Round 17: Adamstown v. Awaba; Newcastle Austral v. West Wallsend; Lake Macquarie v. Cardiff; Maitland v. Wallsend; Cessnock v. Mayfield.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Round 17: Fixtures as in First Division

SECOND DIVISION.—Round 17: Jesmond v. Merewether; Young Wallsend v. Charlestown; Pan Hellenic v. Belmont-Swansea; Dudley-Redhead v. Kearsley; Slavia United v. Weston.

SECOND DIVISION, RESERVE GRADE.—Fixtures as shown for Second Division.

THIRD DIVISION.—Round 18: Hamilton Azzuri v. Newcastle Teachers' College; Barnsley v. Nelson Bay; South Wallsend v. Toronto Diggers; Stockton v. Macquarie Wanderers; Newcastle Technical College v. Bellbird; The Entrance, a bye.

TWIDLE CLOSING THE GAP

The two goals he scored against Adamstown last Sunday allowed Ken Twidle, of Newcastle Austral, to draw closer to Ron Giles, who did not play for Wallsend against Cessnock because of injury last weekend, in the race to gain top place on the list of goal-scorers.

Previously Twidle shared second place with Ken Whitmore (Wallsend) and Doug Field (Awaba) but neither scored last weekend.

The leading scorers are—
17: R. Giles (Wallsend).
15: Ken Twidle (Newcastle Austral).
13: K. Whitmore (Wallsend), D. Field (Awaba).
12: R. Burgoyne (Awaba), D. Schio (Cardiff).
10: T. Hinchcliffe (Lake Macquarie).
9: A. Pajkovic (Lake Macquarie), B. Morrow

(Wallsend).
8: Gary Pinches (Awaba), A. Simmons (Adamstown), D. Ahrens (West Wallsend).
7: B. Sharp (Awaba), K. Urwin (West Wallsend), R. Howells (Adamstown).



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THREE TO GO, BUT LITTLE YET CERTAIN ABOUT PENNANT WINNERS

Three matches to go in Northern Soccer League divisional premierships — and very little yet known about what will be what when it comes time to tot up the teams' profit and loss account on the season's workings.

About the only thing certain is that Weston will win the Second Division premiership, although even it could be ousted from top place. That is certainly a remote possibility, or it needs only one point from its three matches to confirm its leadership and ensure promotion to the First Division next season.

Even Lake Macquarie, in the First Division, is not yet past the post but, with three points lead and three matches to play, it surely seems the Lakesiders will finish in the top position they have occupied almost from the start of the season.

Tommy Dawson's boys have given a grand display this season. In the first match of the season, Lake Mac-

quarie was held to a three-all draw by Mayfield United but in the 14 matches since then, it has conceded only 11 goals while scoring 28. That is surely a mighty record.

Wallsend has bounced back into the top four with its 5-1 win against Cessnock last Sunday, it going above Adamstown with which it is level on points by virtue of a superior goal average. And, on paper, Wallsend seems to have the easiest programme of the top five sides so that it should at least hold its place. It might not be eager to do more than that since it is not likely to win the pennant. It will not want to finish third so that is has to meet Lake Macquarie, if that team wins the title, in one of the semi-finals, the draw for which is 1 v. 3 and 2 v. 4.

Cessnock is in sorry plight at the other end of the table for, with seven points, it is two behind Maitland and four behind Cardiff and Mayfield — with Mayfield having the edge on Cardiff as regards position by a fraction of a goal. Cessnock has to face Adamstown, at Adamstown, Mayfield at Cessnock, and Awaba at Toronto in its last three matches so that while its immediate rivals may not gain points, chances are that Cessnock will not either end so will stay at the foot of the table and plummet down into the Second Division next season.

There's a grand fight going on in the Alliance League, with Adamstown and Awaba dead level but Adamstown's goal average giving it a decided advantage. Wallsend is whipping in a point behind. Adamstown and Awaba meet at Toronto next weekend —

HOW FIRST ROUND GAMES ENDED

Teams which meet this weekend met in the seventh series of the first round, with the visiting teams of this weekend then being the home sides. Here's how the matches ended:—

May 30: Mayfield United 3, Wallsend 3;
May 31: Newcastle Austral 4, Awaba 3;
Maitland 2, Cardiff 1;
Cessnock 3, Adamstown 3;
Lake Macquarie 2, West Wallsend 1.

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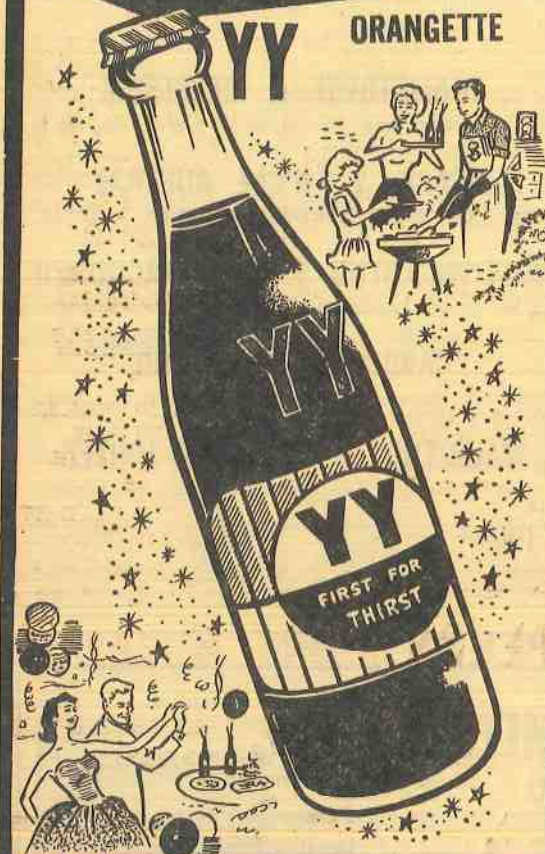
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NATIONAL LEAGUE WOULD BOG DOWN IN OWN AMBITIONS

By PAUL MACKENZIE

Although the Australian Soccer Federation has shelved, for the moment, the proposal to inaugurate a super-League on a national level, don't think that that will be the end of the matter.

It will come up for discussion on many near-future occasions and, while one sees many difficulties ahead, that will not deter those who have the idea in mind. But, at the moment, it is little more than a pleasant pipe-dream, a scheme with such extravagant objects that it must be beyond most of those who are being wooed to come to the party.

The three powerful officials who thought up the project are not likely to allow their brain-child to die quickly. It also seems they have the backing of some of Australia's most powerful clubs. It also appears that some top-line officials in Sydney are greatly in favour of the plan since, their belief that a nation-wide premiership would enhance and increase public interest.

Sydney interests say attendances in Sydney and Melbourne have slipped this year, although the competition is clear and more interesting-provoking than for some years past. But one reads with some amazement the statement of one writer that, not only is the game moribund in Queensland, but that "in Newcastle it has reached rock-bottom, despite a wealth of juniors."

By what authority was

that assessment given?

Certainly it did not come from any information supplied by the one official Source — the Northern Soccer League.

And only the Northern Soccer League can give an answer, for it is the only administrative unit with the figures and facts.

To say the come in the shows just how little those in Sydney know what is doing in the North. But it is a matter for concern that a Sydney publication, without any knowledge of the facts, makes such irresponsible statements and deludes the Sydney Soccer public. The fact is that Soccer in the North is on the way up, attendances grow and enthusiasm and interest increases. It has made no spectacular gains but growth has been steady and the results of thoughtful administrative planning are only now starting to be seen.

Let we Northerners do the worrying about the game in the North and the Sydney pundits look after their own affairs but, for goodness sake, let them find out what is what before they try to tell us what is happening in this neck of the wood.

NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

HOME MATCHES

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	5	2	1	15	6	12
AUSTRAL	7	0	1	31	14	14
AWABA	4	2	1	22	12	10
WALLSEND	6	0	1	30	9	12
ADAMSTOWN	6	0	1	22	15	12
WEST WALLSEND	3	0	4	18	21	6
MAYFIELD	3	3	2	19	18	9
CARDIFF	3	1	3	15	12	7
MAITLAND	2	1	5	5	18	5
CESSNOCK	1	3	4	14	22	5
TOTALS	40	12	23	91	147	92

AWAY MATCHES

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	5	2	0	16	8	12
AUSTRAL	3	1	3	12	13	7
AWABA	4	1	3	21	21	9
WALLSEND	2	2	4	19	24	6
ADAMSTOWN	2	2	4	17	20	6
WEST WALLSEND	2	2	4	16	19	6
MAYFIELD	1	0	6	10	19	2
CARDIFF	2	0	6	16	28	4
MAITLAND	1	2	4	13	21	4
CESSNOCK	1	0	6	7	18	2
TOTALS	23	12	40	147	191	58

TOTALS

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	15	10	3	2	56	14	23
AUSTRAL	15	10	3	2	39	14	23
AWABA	15	9	4	2	47	19	22
WALLSEND	15	9	1	5	37	26	19
ADAMSTOWN	15	7	4	4	30	20	18
WEST WALLSEND	15	6	2	7	19	27	14
MAYFIELD	15	4	3	8	27	32	11
MAYFIELD	15	4	2	9	23	41	10
AUSTRAL	15	3	1	11	20	42	7
MAITLAND	15	1	1	13	16	79	3
TOTALS	150	63	24	63	314	314	150

sional contracts, would have a full-time coach, a minimum of 4000 supporters, handy finances through social clubs, commercial sponsors or limited companies.

What Soccer organisation in Australia can meet those requirements?

How would a newly formed club meet them?

Where in the North is there the money to foot the bill for the formation of a team, half of the members of which are full-time professionals under the care of a full-time coach. What clubs in the North would release their star players to a professional undertaking without demanding a thumping big transfer fee? What ground would a club in the North use, for I can't see existing clubs meekly handing over their grounds to a club which was setting out to cut their throats. And don't forget it is proposed to inaugurate a system of relegation and promotion. So we would have the position if the North finished last of its team going out with another organised on the lines of that demoted taking its place.

One condition of entry to the proposed National League would be that a team would have half of its playing strength on full profes-

ALLIANCE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
ADAMSTOWN	15	10	3	2	56	14	23
AWABA	15	10	3	2	39	14	23
WALLSEND	15	9	4	2	47	19	22
LAKE MACQ	15	9	1	5	37	26	19
CARDIFF	15	7	4	4	30	20	18
CESSNOCK	15	6	2	7	19	27	14
WEST WALLSEND	15	4	3	8	27	32	11
MAYFIELD	15	4	2	9	23	41	10
AUSTRAL	15	3	1	11	20	42	7
MAITLAND	15	1	1	13	16	79	3
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SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	15	5	0	0	69	17	30
PAN HELLENIC	15	11	2	2	54	20	24
BELMONT-SWAN.	15	9	2	4	46	25	20
DUDLEY-RED.	15	8	2	5	42	41	18
YOUNG WALL.	15	5	4	6	26	36	14
JESMOND	15	5	3	7	30	31	13
SLAVIA UTD.	15	3	4	8	19	35	10
KEARSLEY	15	4	1	10	24	39	9
CHARLESTOWN	15	3	2	10	20	51	8
MEREWETHER	15	1	2	12	26	61	4
TOTALS	150	64	23	64	356	356	150

SECOND DIVISION—RESERVE GRADE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
BELMONT-SWAN.	15	13	1	1	63	12	27
WESTON	15	12	1	2	63	19	25
CHARLESTOWN	15	8	3	4	38	31	19
DUDLEY-RED.	15	8	1	6	44	26	17
YOUNG WALL.	15	7	2	6	30	31	16
JESMOND	15	5	2	8	33	37	12
PAN HELLENIC	15	5	2	8	27	36	12
SLAVIA UTD	15	4	2	9	22	41	10
KEARSLEY	15	2	4	9	18	40	8
MEREWETHER	15	2	0	13	6	71	4
TOTALS	150	66	18	66	344	344	150

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
HAM. AZZURI	16	13	2	1	46	13	28
BELLBIRD	16	12	2	2	62	22	26
STH. WALLSEND	16	11	2	3	46	29	24
MACQ. WANDERERS	16	10	3	3	69	24	23
TORONTO DIG.	16	10	2	4	38	23	22
NELSON BAY	16	9	3	4	57	28	20
BARNESLEY	16	8	1	7	54	42	17
N'CLE. TECH.	16	6	2	8	27	51	14
THE ENTRANCE	16	3	1	12	24	80	7
STOCKTON	16	3	0	13	22	84	6
TEACHERS' COLL.	16	2	1	13	27	76	5
TOTALS	176	87	19	70	472	472	192

Because of the bye each weekend in the Third Division premiership, the points score table cannot balance in relation to matches won, drawn and lost.

FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

ADAMSTOWN v. CESSNOCK

White with Red & Green

1. J. DORMAN
2. B. DAYKIN
3. J. McINALLY
4. R. CAMERON
5. R. PARKES
6. J. POWER
7. R. DOBBINS
8. R. BAARTZ
9. D. JOHNS
10. W. COOK
11. C. CURRAN

Gold with Black

1. J. HOGG
2. J. JARVIE
3. K. ROWBOTTOM
4. T. NELLIES
5. C. ALMOND
6. B. WILLIAMS
7. C. MOWATT
8. J. LENNARD
9. J. BARR
10. T. SNEDDON
11. K. DUNCAN

Ref.: L. Mottershead. Linesmen: J. Carlin, H. Hall.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

AWABA v. NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL

Blue with Gold Stripes

1. J. SMITH
2. R. HITCHCOCK
3. J. DOLAN
4. R. REYNOLDS
5. J. PRETSWELL
6. L. SHARP
7. G. PINCHES
8. D. FIELD
9. R. BURGEOYNE
10. H. GOODSIR
11. B. SHARP

Mauve with White

1. J. LANZONI
2. E. SOKOLOWSKI
3. R. DEAN
4. J. DOOLAN
5. R. McKENZIE
6. R. LLOYD
7. K. TWIDLE
8. W. BARON
9. T. GARRETT
10. W. HARVEY
11. W. PATON

Referee: R. Roth. Linesmen: G. Muir, T. Ayre.

WEST WALLSEND v. LAKE MACQUARIE

Blue with White

1. W. ARMSTRONG
2. R. COOPER
3. A. WILSON
4. R. HUGHES
5. B. PEARCE
6. K. WOODS
7. J. HUGO
8. K. IRWIN
9. D. AHRENS
10. T. YEATS
11. J. SHEEN

White with Blue & Gold

1. K. GABRIEL
2. J. HITCHCOCK
3. E. McGRATH
4. J. WOODS
5. J. WELHAM
6. L. WALSH
7. J. BOARDMAN
8. W. WRIGHT
9. T. PAJKOVIC
10. G. HINCHCLIFFE
11. J. DOYLE

Ref.: W. Jones Linesmen: W. Gardiner, A. Roberts.

CARDIFF v. MAITLAND

Tangerine with White

1. G. TAYLOR
2. A. HOWE
3. J. McNAIRN
4. J. O'BRIEN
5. T. ICETON
6. J. HOBSON
7. M. BLACK
8. A. REID
9. D. SCHIO
10. R. NEAL
11. J. SNEDDON

White with Black

1. F. WOOD
2. W. SIMPSON
3. J. SNAITH
4. J. MEIER
5. F. RAUCH
6. M. PARKER
7. K. MIRISCH
8. H. SCHNEIDER
9. N. SCOTT
10. I. THOMSON
11. K. SIMON

Referee: A. Brown. Linesmen: P. Bird, C. Jack.

WALLSEND v. MAYFIELD UNITED

Red with White

1. A. HOURIGAN
2. D. BULLEN
3. K. NOLAN
4. I. NOY
5. D. MORROW
6. G. GREEN
7. B. MORROW
8. W. DAVIES
9. K. WHITMORE
10. R. GILES
11. N. PRINGLE

Green with White

1. C. JACK
2. A. WEST
3. A. LAMBRIN
4. W. SHEEHAN
5. R. BOSLEM
6. R. HUMPHRIS
7. K. McGUINNESS
8. B. LEWSAM
9. W. HUMPHRIS
10. A. SKELLEY
11. K. ROSS

Referee: K. Urwin. Linesmen: F. Myles, W. Turner.

NO POINTS FOR TOP THREE IN S.M.H. BEST AND FAIREST

None of the three leaders in the "Sydney Morning Herald" Best and Fairest competition gained points last weekend so that John Wellham, of Lake Macquarie, holds his three points lead from Ron Giles, of Wallsend.

Ken Twidle, of Newcastle Austral, gained a point for his play against Adamstown last Sunday but is still eight points behind Wellham. With only three matches to play, the contest seems between Wellham and Giles with Joe Meier, of Maitland, still third, five points behind Wellham, the only other player likely to be in the picture.

Points awarded for matches last weekend were:

MAYFIELD UNITED v. CARDIFF — Judge, Sam Delves: S. Skelly (M) 3; J.

KNOW THE PLAYERS



I. THOMSON—plays for Maitland

O'Brien (C) 2; B. Humphries (M) 1.

CESSNOCK v. WALLSEND — Judge, Gavin Russell: B. Morrow (W) 3; W. Davies (W) 2; K. Nolan (W) 1.

MAITLAND v. WEST WALLSEND — Judge, Percy Lennard: M. Parker (M) 3; I. Thompson (M) 2; K. Wood (W.W.) 1.

LAKE MACQUARIE v. AWABA — Judge, Jack O'Brien: K. Gabriel (L.M.) 3; J. Smith (A) 2; J. Prestwell (A) 1.

AUSTRAL v. ADAMSTOWN — Judge, Alec Cameron: R. McKenzie (N.A.) 3; J. McNally (A) 2; K. Twidle (N.A.) 1.

HOW THEY STAND

Points gained are:—

- 25: J. Wellham (Lake Macquarie).
- 22: R. Giles (Wallsend).
- 20: J. Meier (Maitland).
- 17: K. Twidle (Newcastle Austral).
- 15: R. Lloyd (Newcastle Austral).
- 14: T. Sneddon (Cessnock), L. Sharp (Awaba).
- 12: W. Davies (Wallsend), R. McKenzie (Newcastle Austral), A. Skelly (Mayfield United).
- 11: J. McNally (Adamstown), K. Gabriel (Lake Macquarie).
- 10: J. Power (Adamstown).



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The Gunnedah Police Boys Club now have a Soccer film night each Thursday night, where aspiring Soccer players can see how the good players do it. By the look of the positions that Police Boys teams fill in each competition, these film nights should have started long ago. However, if the boys take notice and remember what they learn this season, they will be much better players in later seasons. All boys who play Soccer can come to these film nights. Boys who

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CESSNOCK TRAGEDY CONTINUED

iastic Cessnock administration that there is no thought of allowing the famous old club to die and that, although Cessnock might be down, it is by no means out.

But if it is felt the club can no longer carry on, the Northern League must move to instil renewed confidence and hope among the many keen Soccer enthusiasts in the area to ensure that Cessnock is still part and parcel of Northern Soccer.

No doubt, there is much disappointment with Cessnock's showing this season but the district has a wealth of up-and-coming juniors

who can restore the club's flagging fortunes. Cessnock must remain, as a club, to make sure they get the chance to put it on the map once more

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SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

It looks as if we can now offer our congratulations to Weston on winning the 1964 second division premiership, for with a lead of six points on their nearest rival and only three more fixtures to be played, they would have to fall down completely to lose.

With the premiership win, Weston will earn promotion to first division in 1965, but I hope the Weston Club is not complacent in thinking their team of this season will be good enough for 1st Division, they should be preparing now to build their teams with younger players.

Probably the outstanding match of this weekend will be at Weston when the leaders will meet the runners-up, Pan Hellenic and there should not be a great deal in the result of this game. Weston were victorious in the first round by the odd goal in five and will probably win this match but it only requires two players in the Weston team to have a day off and Pan Hellenic in their game could take

the two points. Pan Hellenic have not progressed, possibly as well, as they could have, mainly because the forwards have fritted many scoring opportunities not all against good teams either.

A further hard fought match will be held at Blacksmith when Belmont-Swansea meet Dudley-Redhead, as the visiting team is only two point behind their opponents, although Belmont-Swansea has a much better goal average than Dudley-Redhead. A drawn game would not surprise.

Jesmond journey to Whitebridge to do battle with Slavia United and although Jesmond have a three point lead over Slavia United, they will be striving to annex the two points as for the last three weeks or so Slavia players have been really playing for time to give their injured men a chance to get into the fold.

Kearsley will be at home to Young Wallsend and on their form over the last few weeks plus your fares.

The battle of the wooden spooners will be at Charles-town, when Merewether on four points (with meeting) points.

Charlestown has surprised for the last two weeks by defeating Jesmond and Kearsley whilst the Merewether side recorded their first win of the season, last weekend.

The interest still mounts in the Third Division, where we have eight points covering six teams or clubs and still six more rounds to go.

Possibly the outstanding match this weekend would be Macquarie Wanderers v. South Wallsend, one point only separates these teams, both of whom are very strong contenders for a semi-final berth.

Newcastle Tech will meet premiership leaders, Hamilton Azzuri and whilst there should be no great difficulty in recording another win, Newcastle Tech. is unreliable and could often turn the result into a complete shock.

Bellbird will be at home

to Stockton and they should have no difficulty in recording a win.

Barnsley journey to The Entrance and should return home with some personal individual achievements, but those tactics very season.

Teachers' College journey to Stockton to do battle with Nelson Bay and after a win around two weeks ago and also a toucher, they are gaining plenty in the way of bowls but very little in soccer knowing.

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ALL HAIL TO DAWSON AND THE LAKE XI

Clang the cymbles, bang the drums and let the cheers resound!

All hail to Tommy Dawson and his Lake Macquarie team which has won the Northern Soccer League First Division premiership.

Right well did the team deserve the title. Proudly should the pennant fly over the Speer's Point ground—and how fortunate is the North to have such a grand football team at the top of its competition.

The Lake Macquarie Club side has well deserved the success. Since the first match of the season, when anything out of the box it did not look like being after its draw with Mayfield United at Mayfield

Park, Lake Macquarie has gone from success to success.

Only once was its progress halted, that being a few weeks ago when Newcastle Austral defeated it, 1-nil, at Speer's Point. But till then, and after, Lake Macquarie went along winning most of its matches and drawing the others. It did not win its games by big margins but played convincingly. And in 16 matches, of which it won 11 and drew four, the team scored 34 goals and conceded only 16. What a grand record that is.

When the Doubting Thomases claimed that Lake Macquarie would fail because there were no stars, Dawson never wavered. He stuck to the young players who were keeping the club's colours high. And how well they responded to Dawson's faith in them!

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